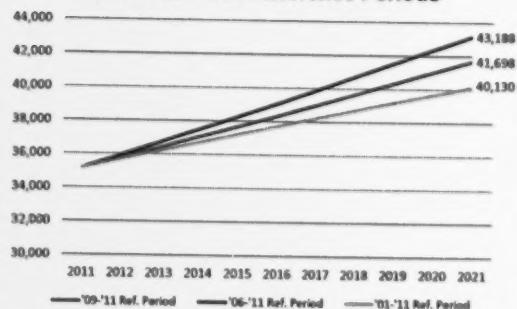


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**Highlights:**

- In 2021, Yukon's population is projected to be 40,130, 41,698 or 43,188 (based on three reference periods).
- All three of our projected population figures show Yukon experiencing growth over the next ten years.
- The Whitehorse population in 2021 is projected to be between 30,721 and 33,179.

**Yukon Population Projections  
Based on Three Reference Periods**



Yukon population estimates have widespread use and importance. However, many policy-makers' and businesses' decisions ultimately rest upon assessments of future population size and growth trends. For this reason, the Yukon Bureau of Statistics produces ten-year population projections.

Population projections presented in this report have changed notably from previously published population projections. In the past, projections were based on three different scenarios: a high-growth, a low-growth, and a medium-growth scenario. In this publication, projections are calculated based on historically observed trends in a defined reference period. Three different population projections are presented—one that projects on recent trends (i.e. June 2009 to June 2011), through a mid-range historical basis (i.e. June 2006 to June 2011) to a longer-term reference period (i.e. June 2001 to June 2011).

In addition to providing projections based on historical reference periods, current calculations use a cohort component method of population projection. This involves taking into account births, deaths, and in- and out-migration by sex, age group, etc. for the defined reference period.

These projections do not account for any future changes in business or government projects which could affect Yukon's population. The projections are strictly based on the demographic patterns observed during the reference years. It is up to users to determine whether the economic conditions that have driven migration over the reference period will hold over the period for which the population projections are calculated.

Note that Yukon's population is more sensitive to migration compared with some of the larger Canadian provinces, and to Canada as a whole. Unlike birth and death rates, migration is driven by economic conditions, and is more volatile and less predictable than birth and death rates.

**2021 Yukon Population by Age  
Based on Three Reference Periods**

Age Group	Reference Period*		
	2009-2011	2006-2011	2001-2011
00-04	2,138	2,192	1,991
05-09	2,101	2,125	2,040
10-14	2,112	2,014	1,966
15-19	1,957	1,823	1,782
20-24	2,152	2,063	1,842
25-29	2,913	2,997	2,478
30-34	3,594	3,769	3,242
35-39	3,747	3,895	3,503
40-44	3,248	3,370	3,094
45-49	2,951	3,111	2,918
50-54	2,759	3,008	2,803
55-59	2,939	3,195	3,015
60-64	2,920	3,116	2,990
65-69	2,395	2,554	2,492
70-74	1,743	1,832	1,833
75-79	981	1,032	1,045
80-84	518	560	564
85+	530	531	534
All Ages	41,698	43,188	40,130

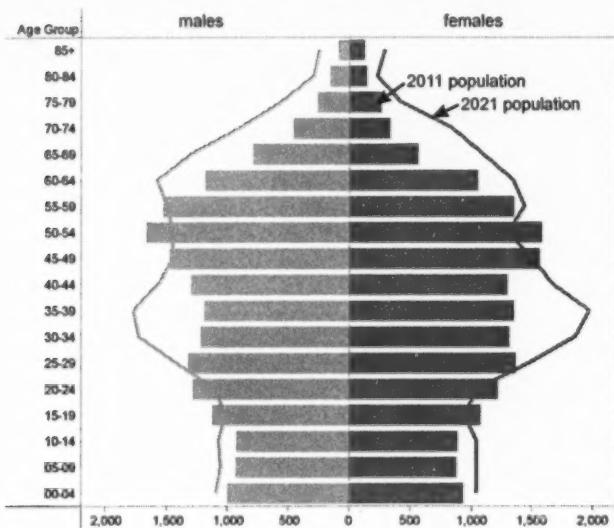
\*Reference period is June of given year

## Other sources of information on Yukon's population

- Yukon Bureau of Statistics' June 2011 Population Report: [http://www.eco.yk.ca/stats/pdf/population\\_jun\\_2011.pdf](http://www.eco.yk.ca/stats/pdf/population_jun_2011.pdf)
- 2006 Census Population Report: <http://www.eco.gov.yk.ca/stats/pdf/popdwel.pdf>
- 2010 Yukon Migration Patterns Report: <http://www.eco.yk.ca/stats/pdf/MigrationPatterns2010.pdf>

# Projections Based on June 2009-2011 Reference Period

## 2011 and 2021 Population Pyramids



If population growth trends from June 2009 through June 2011 continue for the next ten years, Yukon's overall population will grow by 6,523, or 18.5%.

In 2011, 75.2% of the population was in the working-age group (between 15 and 64 years of age). In 2021, that percentage will drop to 70.0% as the baby boom generation reaches retirement age. Conversely, the senior citizen population (age 65+) will nearly double in number, while growing from 9.0% of the population to 14.8%.

The youth population (those under age 15) will hold relatively steady, increasing by 800 but remaining under 16% of the population.

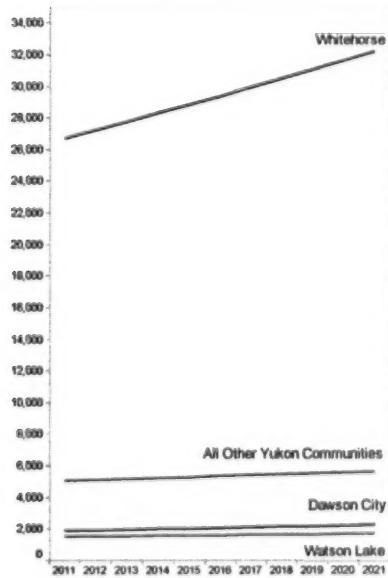
- Population projections for individual communities are created by applying the components of Yukon-wide population growth to the June 2011 baseline population of each individual community.
- The 2021 population of Whitehorse

- (32,194) will increase by 20.5% while the rest of Yukon will grow by 12.3%.
- Growth will not be even in both genders. The male population, which currently comprises 50.9% of the population, will drop to 50.5% in 2021 while the female popula-

tion will grow from 49.1% to 49.5% of the total population.

- The 2021 female Yukon population of 20,646 represents a growth of 19.6% over ten years, while the male population of 21,052 represents a 17.6% increase.

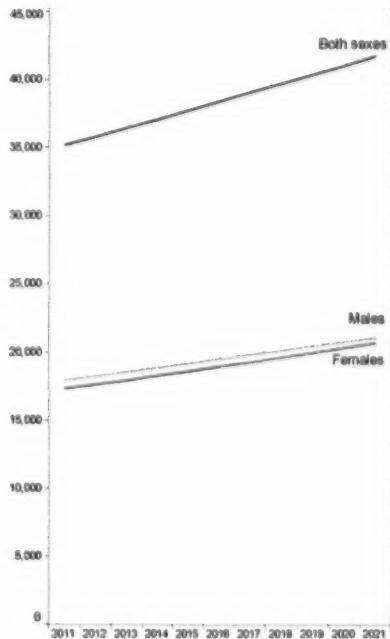
Population Through 2021 by Selected Community



Population Through 2021 by Gender

Year	White horse	Dawson City	Watson Lake	All other communitiess	
				Males	Females
2011	26,711	1,880	1,514	5,068	
2012	27,222	1,914	1,530	5,120	
2013	27,742	1,948	1,546	5,175	
2014	28,270	1,983	1,563	5,227	
2015	28,808	2,017	1,579	5,280	
2016	29,355	2,052	1,596	5,334	
2017	29,909	2,088	1,613	5,387	
2018	30,470	2,123	1,629	5,440	
2019	31,039	2,158	1,646	5,490	
2020	31,614	2,193	1,663	5,546	
2021	32,194	2,228	1,680	5,597	
Both sexes (Yukon Total)*					
				Males	Females
2011	35,175	17,908	17,266		
2012	35,788	18,205	17,583		
2013	36,410	18,506	17,904		
2014	37,042	18,812	18,230		
2015	37,684	19,122	18,562		
2016	38,336	19,437	18,900		
2017	38,996	19,754	19,241		
2018	39,662	20,075	19,587		
2019	40,335	20,399	19,937		
2020	41,015	20,725	20,290		
2021	41,698	21,052	20,646		

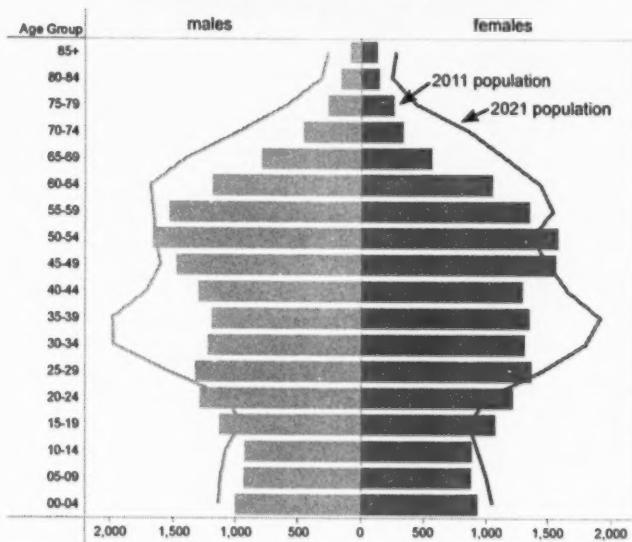
Population Through 2021 by Gender



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# Projections Based on June 2006-2011 Reference Period

**2011 and 2021 Population Pyramids**



If population growth trends from June 2006 through June 2011 continue for the next ten years, Yukon's overall population will grow by 8,013, or 22.8%.

In 2011, 75.2% of the population was in the working-age group (between 15 and 64 years of age). In 2021, that percentage will drop to 70.3% as the baby boom generation reaches retirement age. Conversely, the senior citizen population (age 65+) will more than double in number, while growing from 9.0% of the population to 15.1%.

The youth population (those under age 15) will hold relatively steady, increasing by 780 but dropping from 15.8% to 14.7% of the population.

- Population projections for individual communities are created by applying the components of Yukon-wide population growth to the June 2011 baseline population of each individual community.
- The 2021 population of Whitehorse

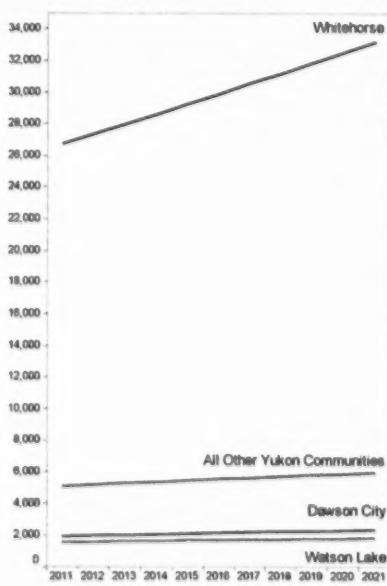
(33,179) will increase by 24.2% while the rest of Yukon will grow by 18.3%.

- Growth will not be even in both genders. The male population, which currently comprises 50.9% of the population, will rise to 52.3% in 2021 while the female population

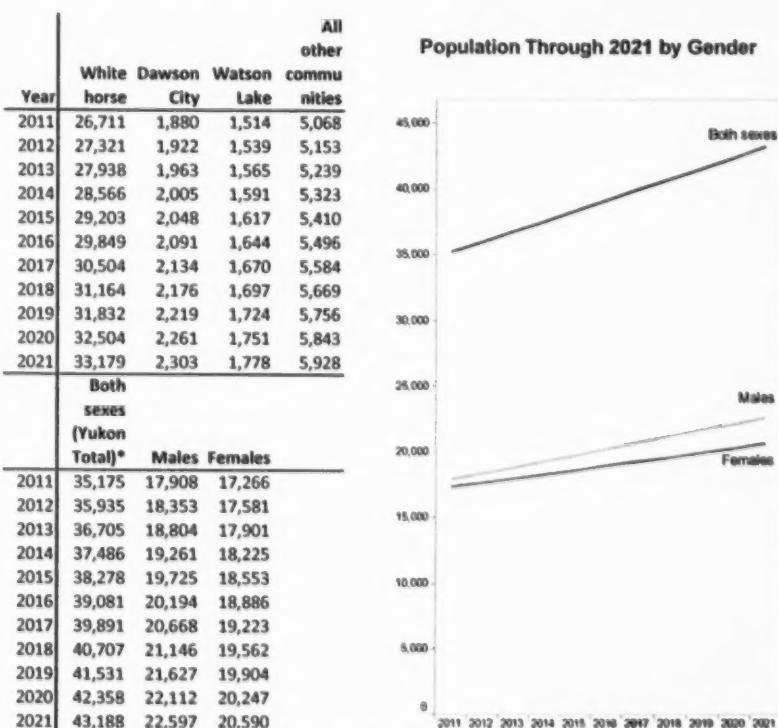
will drop from 49.1% to 47.7% of the total population.

- The 2021 female Yukon population of 20,590 represents a growth of 19.3% over ten years, while the male population of 22,597 represents a 26.2% increase.

**Population Through 2021 by Selected Community**



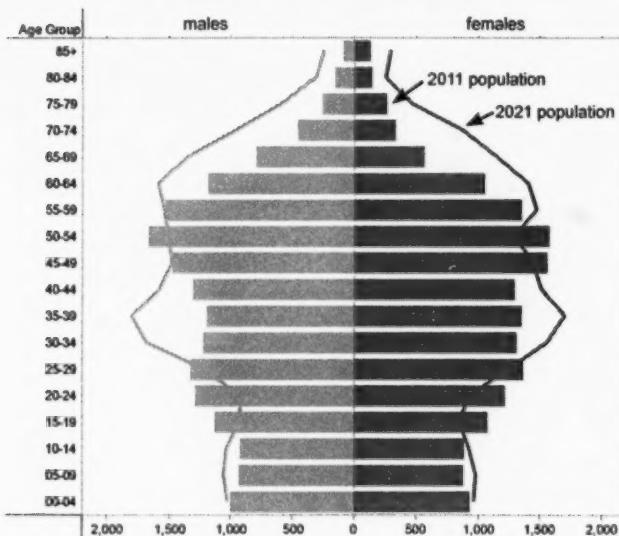
**Population Through 2021 by Gender**



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# Projections Based on June 2001-2011 Reference Period

## 2011 and 2021 Population Pyramids

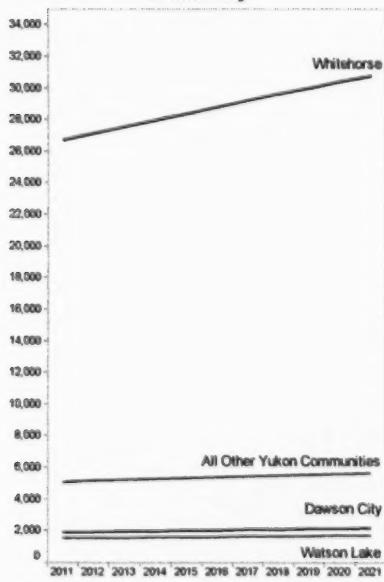


If population growth trends from June 2001 through June 2011 continue for the next ten years, Yukon's overall population will grow by 4,955, or 14.1%.

In 2011, 75.2% of the population was in the working-age group (between 15 and 64 years of age). In 2021, that percentage will drop to 68.9% as the baby boom generation reaches retirement age. Conversely, the senior citizen population (age 65+) will more than double in number, growing from 9.0% of the population to 16.1%.

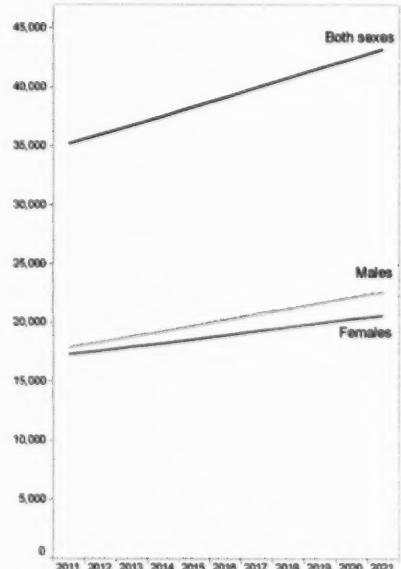
The youth population (those under age 15) will hold relatively steady, increasing by 446 but dropping from 15.8% to 14.9% of the population.

**Population Through 2021 by Selected Community**



Year	All other communities				
	White horse	Dawson City	Watson Lake	communities	
2011	26,711	1,880	1,514	5,068	
2012	27,125	1,908	1,531	5,127	
2013	27,536	1,936	1,548	5,182	
2014	27,947	1,963	1,565	5,241	
2015	28,357	1,990	1,582	5,297	
2016	28,764	2,016	1,598	5,352	
2017	29,167	2,041	1,614	5,405	
2018	29,565	2,065	1,630	5,456	
2019	29,958	2,089	1,646	5,507	
2020	30,344	2,111	1,661	5,554	
2021	30,721	2,133	1,675	5,600	
Year	Both sexes (Yukon Total)*				
	Both sexes		Males	Females	
2011	35,175	17,908	17,266		
2012	35,691	18,203	17,488		
2013	36,204	18,496	17,708		
2014	36,716	18,788	17,928		
2015	37,225	19,078	18,147		
2016	37,729	19,366	18,363		
2017	38,227	19,650	18,576		
2018	38,717	19,931	18,786		
2019	39,199	20,207	18,992		
2020	39,671	20,477	19,194		
2021	40,130	20,741	19,389		

**Population Through 2021 by Gender**



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